

The first meeting of the **Troy Youth Council (TYC)** was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at City Hall in the Old Police/Fire Training Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily Burns  
Ryan Chandonnet  
Chris Cheng  
Juliana D'Amico  
Raymond Deng  
Eric Gregory  
Omar Hakim  
Catherine Herzog  
Maniesh Joshi  
Andrew Kalinowski  
Christina Krokosky  
Matthew Michrina  
Brian Rider

MEMBERS ABSENT: Allister Chang

ALSO PRESENT: Lusi Fang, Student Representative Cable Television Advisory Committee  
Jordan Keoleian, Student Representative Planning Commission  
Steve Toth, Executive Director Boys & Girls Club Troy  
Laura Fitzpatrick, Assistant to the City Manager

1. General Business

a. **Introductions**

b. **Comments from Lusi Fang and Jordan Keoleian** re: formation of the TYC

c. **Day of the Month to Meet\***: It was decided that the TYC will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month from 7:00 – 8:30PM. The predetermined adjournment time is necessary so that members' transportation can be pre-arranged.

\*Note that due to room availability this meeting date has since been *changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month*, beginning in August. General consensus was gathered over email and the TYC will vote on this new meeting date at their July meeting.

d. **Information Sharing**: The group agreed that email will be the way they receive information (agendas, supporting materials, etc.).

e. **Chairs vs. Co-Chairs**: It was determined that the TYC will have rotating co-chairs, each pair serving a 3-month rotation. Co-chairs for the next twelve months are as follows:

1. Rider, Hakim – July, September, October
2. Kalinowski, Gregory – November, December, January
3. Krokosky, Deng – February, March, April
4. Michrina, Joshi – May, June, July

**2. Visitor – Steve Toth, Executive Director Boys & Girls Club Troy (BGCT) [www.bgctroy.org](http://www.bgctroy.org)**

Toth provided an overview of the BGCT and the new BGCT facility to be built on John R Road, near Barnard elementary school. Toth asked the TYC for input on design, programming, and décor. Following Toth's departure Fitzpatrick facilitated a brainstorming session that captured the ideas of the TYC. These ideas are documented in a separate report and have been forwarded to Toth. Toth may return to the TYC at a later date to get further input.

**3. Aquatic Center Advertising**

Per City Manager John Szerlag's request of May 6, 2002, the TYC brainstormed ideas about aquatic center advertising and the youth of Troy. These ideas are documented in a separate report.

**4. Future Agenda Items**

a. *Creation and Adoption of Bylaws*

b. *Mission Statement:* The mission of the TYC as described in a March, 2002 staff memo to City Council will be "to provide Troy youth with a means to communicate with City Council and the community and to actively address youth needs and issues." Adoption of an official mission statement to take place in the future.

c. *Joint Meeting with Teen Recreation Committees*

d. *Suggestions for Future Agendas:* The TYC members offered the following suggestions:

1. Advertising the TYC and its activities in a one-page layout in Troy Today, the City's quarterly publication
2. Create a page on the Troy website for the TYC, include an email address where youth can send input to the TYC
3. Create an email youth news letter, linked to the web site
4. Find Out What Topics Pertaining to Youth are on the Agendas of other Boards and Committees – make contacts with student representatives
5. Related to "a" above, determine how new members will be appointed and clarify term limits.

Fitzpatrick will provide a summary of Board/Committee appointment procedure in Troy City government.

**5. Additional Notes:** This meeting was conducted in an informal manner for the purposes of introduction. Official meeting conduct with voting procedures, will begin in July. Some of the elements above will be officially voted on or contained in the bylaws (i.e. meeting date, method of sharing information, chairs/co-chairs, etc.) Bylaws will be formed and adopted at a later date.

The next meeting is July 10, 2002 from 7 – 8:30PM. at the Troy City Hall in the *Lower Level Conference Room*. The TYC will not meet in June due to final examinations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Laura Fitzpatrick, Assistant to the City Manager